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SENATOR MARVEL: Well if I may say so, I think your point is well taken. We're talking about Section 2 and Senator Lewis is talking about Section 12. Is that right, Frank?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's correct, Mr. Chairman. Could I make a comment? The point we have, though, here is if we go through all the sections and appropriate money and then the change, I'd like for us to understand how we're appropriating the money, or we may have some resistance to that appropriation. Mine certainly is to Section 12, but I think it's an integral part of acceptance of appropriation levels. Certainly I want to do this in the orderly procedure that the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee wants to do it with. If my amendment is untimely at this time I can certainly withdraw it and add it at the correct time. Although I do think it's important to us to understand how the money is distributed before we vote on the available dollars.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I agree that the amendment is in Section 12. We're doing something different on this bill than we did on 691, probably to more than one of us its important on the salary policy as to how it would affect our voting on individual amendments. I would think it would be in order that we would establish the personal services in the way they're going to be distributed to the employees before we go through all the individual areas or we may have to go back and reconsider and redo some if they don't come out the proper way.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis, are you sure you're amending Section 2?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No sir, I'm not, that was my point.

PRESIDENT: Well then it's out of order.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's what I said. I said I assumed it might be untimely to do that, although if I make....

PRESIDENT: Well it's out of order.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: If I may continue, Mr. Chairman, under the toleration of the Chair. Senator Simpson made the point that you can't talk about lump sum money until you talk about distribution of the same. I am not prepared to vote in terms of how much dollars we're going to put into the program until we determine how they're going to be distributed. Maybe my amendment is not timely at this point, but I have it on the desk. Again I want to cooperate with the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. I think one member of the Committee has already spoken that that's a very integral part of how many dollars we're going to appropriate.

PRESIDENT: That may be correct, Senator, but we're talking about Section 2 not Section 12.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Fine.